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Celebrating traditions and additions

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

Alumni returned to a variety of campus building additions and face-lifts at possibly one of the biggest homecoming celebrations ever Thursday through Sunday.

The preliminary total attendance at all weekend events of alumni, parents and friends is estimated to be between 10,000 to 12,000, said Jane Lindner, office coordinator in the alumni office.

Many former students throughout the weekend took advantage of tours and open houses of recently completed facilities including Lohe Hall and the new campus entrance on Wartburg Boulevard. Official dedications of the Saemann Student Center and Science Center as well as the naming ceremony for the Bachman Fine Arts Center were Saturday.

Scheduled earlier in the year than usual, clear skies and warm temperatures added to the success of homecoming events with the theme "Knight Fever."

"The one thing why it didn't feel like homecom-

ing was because the trees weren't orange," said Amy Cooper '95, laughing. She was visiting campus for the first time in five years.

Events kicked off Thursday with the annual Kastle Kapers show, which featured junior Akeem Carter's opening act "The Passion of a Soldier." Next Best Thing group members including juniors Dan Draeger, Nick Skurdal, Christopher Smith, Travis Wilkins and sophomore Steve Hennings got a standing ovation Thursday after their singing performance of "Little Liz."

Coronation was on stage after Thursday's Kastle Kapers. Seniors Brandon Newton and Tammy Joe Anderson were crowned king and queen by 2003 Homecoming king and queen Matt Stoffel and Sarah Tuttle.

A pep rally followed with emcees Tonya McMillion, lecturer of communication arts and electronic media, and Matt Pries, student center director, introducing fall athletic team captains. Entertainment included a mock of "Austin Powers" with Orange Member and his Wartburg gang working



Molly Richards/TRUMPET

A SEA OF ORANGE— School spirit dominates the stands during the Wartburg vs. Luther Homecoming football game Saturday.

to beat Austin and other Iowa conference schools in Olympic-style competitions.

International club took first in the banner contest, Castle Singers second and psychology club third. The Residence 107 won first for

the best painted window. The Residence 106 was second and The Residence 204 got third. Prizes were awarded in increments of \$100, \$50 and \$25.

The Early Morning Knight 5K Run/Walk was Saturday. Of 79 partici-

pants, the overall fastest male was Wayne McClintock with a time of 16:54.73 and fastest female was Janet McCullough, clocking in at 19:25.72.

Forty-six entries lined up for Saturday's parade. Judges awarded the inter-

national club float first place and \$150. Campus ministry took second winning \$75, and ambassadors won third for \$50.

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Entrance now open officially

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

An official entrance to campus is now featured along Wartburg Boulevard, the current Eighth Street.

The new entrance opened Friday. Landscaping and planting were completed in the final days before Homecoming, and flagpoles with Wartburg banners now line the street. Lampposts have been installed along sidewalks.

"Lots of people were doing a lot of hard work," said John Wuertz, director of the physical plant. "It really looks nice."

The entrance was originally scheduled for completion before Fall Term classes began. However, due to a change in design, construction was delayed.

Instead of adding a road in the area between Eighth and Ninth Streets, officials decided the Eighth Street entrance was better for traffic flow along Bremer Avenue.

A circular roundabout is stationed



Tina Hinz/TRUMPET

CAMPUS FACELIFT— Wartburg's new entrance runs along the east side of campus.

in the middle of the intersection of Wartburg Boulevard and First Avenue. Spotlights shine upward on three flagpoles. The intersection of Ninth Street and First Avenue, near the chapel, has been filled in.

Wartburg Boulevard goes along Players Theatre and angles past Neumann Auditorium. Neumann now has its own roundabout, known as Hamm Platz, and drop-off area in front of the building.

The road between the student center and Grossmann Hall is now a

cement walk.

"The new entrance creates a traffic flow around campus versus cutting between campus like before," Wuertz said.

Parts of the site work began in spring, including work on the hard surface parking lot behind the student center.

"It wasn't until June that we got a start on the main part," Wuertz said. "We had just enough time to get it all done in."

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Residence halls below capacity

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

The current residence hall occupancy rate is at 98 percent, according to the Fall Term 2004 housing report. With 1,415 students living on campus, numbers are slightly short of Wartburg's on-campus housing goal of 1,435 to 1,440 students.

Compared to last year's capacity of 1,354, residence hall capacity has increased despite the loss of 12 beds in Grossmann Hall as well as converting numerous floor lounges, formerly used as rooms, back to their original purpose. Lohe Hall adds 168 beds.

"This year we're not using any lounges," said Pete Armstrong, director of residential life. "This (housing capacity) is a true reflection of what we've got."

Last year's occupancy rate was 97 percent, but that figure accounted for floor lounges being used as rooms as well as a number of two-person rooms used to house three people. Even with a higher capacity this year, officials would like to operate at 100 percent occupancy.

"We'd like to be full at the start of the year," Armstrong said. "As the year progresses, especially during the first few weeks, we always lose some students that decide college isn't for them or get cold feet."

Armstrong said this concept is similar to airlines overbooking passengers to account for those who may change their mind or miss their connection.

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Alcohol policies not the only answer

More than student penalties needed to reduce underage drinking

By COREY HELLAND
Columnist

By now every Wartburg student knows or at least has heard of the new alcohol policy implemented by Wartburg officials. This year the school took measures towards preventing parties on campus by putting in place stiffer penalties for those who host on-campus parties and higher fines for alcohol violations. Unfortunately, alcohol consumption is a problem on nearly all college campuses, especially at Wartburg, where its traditions don't necessarily help the problem.



For more than 20 years, Wartburg College has sponsored an Oktoberfest and purchased several kegs of beer as the drink of choice for everyone of legal age. Although it has only been the past couple of years that the festival has been held on campus, and all those of age must wear a wristband at all times, the

college is still sponsoring the consumption of alcohol. It doesn't matter that the participants are of legal age, for the school's own policy states that even students 21 and over can still commit an alcohol violation. Perhaps at a college with a heritage such as Wartburg's, a change of policy for the students isn't the answer, but rather, a change of policy for the school as an institution is necessary.

Enforcement is another issue. Even though the new rules will make students think twice before throwing a party, the point becomes moot if the rules are not enforced. Take the Mensa, for example. How many times have you seen students leave with more than the allowed amount of fruit? Just the other day I saw a student put at least five bananas

into his backpack and then leave. And how many times have you seen a food service worker chase a student down and retrieve the fruit? Never. It is the same with the alcohol policy; as long as the rules aren't enforced, students will not abide by them.

Now, I'm not blaming the resident assistants, or campus security or even President Ohle. I'm merely stating that changing just the alcohol policy will not fix or prevent alcohol-related problems on campus. At a place like Wartburg, where the school throws an annual kegger, more needs to change than just the penalties of an alcohol violation. Students are not the only ones at fault here; Wartburg is too. Maybe Wartburg officials should look internally at solving this nationwide problem as well.

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"At a place like Wartburg, where the school throws an annual kegger, more needs to change than just the penalties of an alcohol violation."

Blow
your
horn

Editor's note: This is a section that allows readers to submit an anonymous opinion in two sentences or less. Send submissions for "Blow Your Horn" to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

■ It would be more beneficial educationally if the college would put money into updating computer technology instead of constructing more buildings and roads.

■ Prices in the Konditerei don't have to be so much higher than in the Den.

■ This year's pep rally could have been shorter.

■ With the spending for all these external improvements, is there any money left for internal improvements?

■ The Wartburg football cheerleaders have really improved this year; they were awesome at the pep rally!

■ Thanks Bugle for making a monotonous Thursday humorous.

Letters to the editor

To the Editor:

As supervisor of last week's Senate elections, I would like to apologize for any misunderstanding surrounding the placement of a few campaign posters in Lohe & Grossmann Halls. One poster in particular depicted several erroneous stereotypes surrounding homosexuality. I have been in contact with the creators of the posters, and while they have apologized in their own way to those who may have been offended, I will accept the larger responsibility and attempt to clear up any broader confusion the posters may have created.

The posters did start as a joke, but the creators admit the campaign materials quickly turned into something more. It was not the intention of the creators to upset anyone, but they do realize that many people were, in fact, offended. They unwittingly contributed to an atmosphere of exclusion on this campus, and I know this was not their intent.

That said, it doesn't change the fact that it happened, and I think it speaks to a larger issue that needs to be addressed here at Wartburg. Despite efforts to encourage sensitivity towards all students, for many there is still an atmosphere of intolerance and exclusion on this campus. All too often this issue sits silent and unaddressed. Perhaps this incident can be harnessed as an impetus for a much-needed dialogue within our community.

Again, I apologize for any negative feelings that may have been stirred by these materials. I hope that now we can look toward the positives that could be sparked by this regrettable situation.

Colin Buzza '05
Student Body Vice president

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Jeremy Pedersen's article in last week's Trumpet. I was disappointed in the lack of research for the column. If one would go to the source, one would conclude that the assumptions made are not true. One fallacy presented was that our tuition dollars bought the china in the Castle Room. A simple conversation with Lex Smith,

Dean of Students, clears this up in an instant. Smith informed me that he was "aware that the china was the result of a gift," and was present when the donors were thanked.

Also, if one would look at the demographics of the Board of Regents, one would find that they are not "old, white men," but that the Board consists of three women and one of the male board members is of African-American descent.

I realize that I'm reading an opinion column, but opinions need to be backed with facts and need to view more than two simple aspects of a place to degrade the entire thing. Looking into the Student Center more deeply, one would see that it is very beneficial to the students: from the Den to the Mensa, where students can gather to eat; to the Hub and Lyceum, where student organizations can unite and better collaborate to serve the students.

Opinion columns need to be backed with facts and research, and that is what I'm most concerned about. Opinions spreading fallacies are to no one's gain.

Becky Townsley '06

To the Editor:

As a member of Wartburg's student media, I am very offended by the lack of journalistic integrity and ethics used in Jeremy Pedersen's column last week. Student journalists spend a lot of time on their work and it is very frustrating when individuals abuse this power by distorting the facts and flat-out lying.

I spoke with bookstore manager Arlene Schwarzenbach. Since Monday, she has been comparing bookstore prices with online retailers. Her information shows that generally our bookstore beats other retailer's prices. Arlene also told me that the Wartburg bookstore has a 20 percent mark-up compared to 25 percent at other Iowa institutions. Arlene admitted, "I know books are expensive. If students can find them cheaper they should buy them [there]; I did when I was in college."

I also met with vice president for institutional advancement, Dave Ostrander. Dave told me that no student money was used in the construction and furnishing of the Science Center or Saemann Center. The dishes in the

Castle Room were given as a gift; the cost isn't an issue.

Attacks on the Board of Regents are unfounded as well. There are men and women of different ethnic backgrounds that call themselves Wartburg regents.

I was able to get all of this information simply by asking. I hope that none of Jeremy's mistakes are taken as a reflection of Wartburg's media. WTV, KWAR and the Trumpet have a long and credible history of which I am proud to be a part.

Matt Skilling '05
Wartburg Television

To the Editor:

I am responding to Jeremy Pedersen's opinion article pertaining to the new student center; there have been a variety of reactions and I felt the need to comment on them. While Jeremy's words were more sarcastic than mine would have been had I been in his shoes, he made several interesting points.

First, there is the issue of Jeremy's language and the way some have chosen to interpret it. I refer specifically to his use of the phrase "old white men." He did not intend to call the Board of Regents a group of old white men, as it is commonly known that the Board is more diverse than that. Rather, Jeremy was saying that the board sometimes acts like the "old white men" in power that we are taught control everything in this country from the music we listen to, to the news we read, to the products we eat and drink (like Pepsi on this campus).

Which brings me to what I read as Jeremy's point, sarcastic as it may have been: who is the focus of this institution? Are we asked how we think the money should be spent? By this he asks where, why and how money is being spent. I think this is a question more students should be asking publicly, even if I would try to be a bit more careful with my words; these are honest questions that need to be asked. All money given to this institution should be spent on students because regardless of how much money people give, without students, this institution simply would not exist.

Christopher Laughlin '05

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Burning? Questions?

Q: Can the Dean's List qualifications be changed so students who take nine credits a year but do not take them in a 4-to-5 ratio can be included?

A: If a student wanted to see this rule changed, they would need "to write a letter to the Educational Policies Committee (EPC)," said Ferol Menzel, dean of faculty. The EPC is the board that would approve any changes.

Ann Henninger, chairperson of the EPC, said a change is not likely to happen. A student can "get so tied up with these titles that [he or she can] concentrate on all these details and forget that [he or she is] a good student," Henninger said. Henninger added even if a student does not make the Dean's List, he or she "can still sell yourself."

Q: What do I do if my assigned parking lot is full?

A: "Call us, and we will give you a place to park," said John Myers, director of campus security and safety. "That may be the first notification we have that the lot is full."

Security sometimes calls drivers parked in the wrong lot and asks them to move, so space can be freed up. Drivers assigned to D Lot can be directed to W Lot for one night if no space can be made available. As the term progresses, drivers will start parking closer together in the unmarked spots in D Lot, allowing more students access. "It takes some of the edge off," Myers said.

Q: What does the plaque between Old Main and the Complex that says "North Hall" on it mean?

A: North Hall was an old dormitory/cafeteria predated on campus only by Old Main. It was torn down mid century since it was no longer up to safety and fire codes. The plaque includes more detailed information about the history of North Hall.

Got a burning question about Wartburg, Waverly or anything at all? Submit it to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

Donation enables portrait display

By MARI VOELKER
Staff Writer

The newly constructed "Wartburg College Presidents" wall, housed in Luther Hall near the controller's office, creates a timeline of history.

A walnut frame encloses each of the presidents' portraits. The frames were given as a gift by Dr. Melvin and Rose Gayer Kramer, both Wartburg alumni.

"The project began when we received a generous gift from Dr. Melvin Kramer," President Jack R. Ohle said. "He gave the college wood that could be used to create the frames for the presidents' portraits."

Frames were made by Paul Bauhs '75, Melvin Kramer's cousin, from trees once rooted near the church and cemetery in St. Sebald, Iowa, the location of Wartburg College from 1857-1868.

"They have a 40-acre tract of land surrounding the church ... and in there are lots of walnut trees," Melvin Kramer said. "I knew of these portraits being done. I wanted to tie that to the St. Sebald area. I got the idea: get some of that lumber and have it worked up into these frames."

The idea for the project originated about the time of Melvin Kramer's retirement in 1996. Displayed at Homecoming 2003 on easels, the portraits have only recently been framed and placed on the wall. A plaque next to the portraits says the frames were given on Wartburg's 150th anniversary in 2002 "in recognition and celebration of Dr. Mel Kramer's 40 years of service to the



Josiah Brandt/TRUMPET

PROFESSOR MEETS PRESIDENTS— Dr. Brian Jones, assistant professor in religion, admires the newly displayed portraits of former presidents in Luther Hall.

Wartburg business administration and economics department as chair and professor."

Each president represents a segment of Wartburg's history and serves as a reminder of its many past locations.

Dr. Kramer is really happy about how the project turned out and likes its prominence in Luther Hall. He feels this project is only another part of his ongoing service and gratification for Wartburg.

"The students at Wartburg are into a service mode," Dr. Kramer said. "For me, having taught at Wartburg ... it's been very gratifying serving the institution. It's been a lifetime of service and real love for the college on my part. I wanted to do something to recognize the relationship I had with the college to basically thank them for the opportunity to serve the college."

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Wartburg holds sexual assault judicial training seminar

By SARAH GUHL
Staff Writer

Wartburg participated in a campus sexual misconduct judicial training video seminar hosted by the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management and presented by Dr. Brett Sokolow and Saunie Schuster, both of Ohio. Sokolow, an attorney for several college campuses, is currently working with Wartburg on revising the existing sexual assault policies.

"It was sort of late notice on our part," Lex Smith, dean of students, said. "We primarily wanted to invite people that would be involved in a sexual assault case." Some groups of people that attended or were invited, according to Smith, included the counseling center staff, residential life staff, the director of human resources and direc-

tor of security.

According to Smith, some students also were invited but unable to attend due to short notice.

Pete Armstrong, director of residential life, attended the training session and felt it was a "very positive" experience.

"The format was every half hour, they paused, and the audience had a chance to ask questions and could e-mail or fax in questions," he said.

"I think that the others that were there felt that it was worthwhile," he said.

Topics covered dealt with due process and fundamental fairness, issues of evidence and testimony, how to analyzing complaints and sanctioning, according to a release on www.ncherm.org.

Regarding the revision of current policies, Smith and Armstrong said they are in the beginning stages and currently are being

reviewed.

"We will use one of our governance committees to work on it," Smith said. He also said they hope to work with Student Senate and other groups that would be involved in formal cases of sexual assault.

Wartburg will buy the videotapes to use for future training and also hopes to do some work with general student education.

"This is fairly high on our radar screen for educating students," Smith said. "I know that we've always encouraged the SMART team members to organize something." SMART is a student group dedicated to education on sexual assault and other issues.

In addition, Wartburg has tightened alcohol policies this school year and has firmer visitation policies, according to Smith.

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Weekly Record

■ Sept. 20: Student reported a green car struck his at an unknown time while car was parked in B lot. The incident is still under investigation.

■ Sept. 22: Bremer County record, Jeffery Olaf Moss, 22, Clarion, operating while intoxicated, first offense.

■ Sept. 22: Bremer County record, Lisa Kay Nelson, Janesville, failure to maintain control of vehicle.

Election Countdown 35 Days

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| □ 2 p.m. Disc golf tournament | □ 11:30 p.m. Movie Knight |

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Lohe Hall awaits finishing touches

By LAURA GREVAS
Staff Writer

Lohe Hall is still undergoing finishing touches, but the city deemed the building safe for student living Aug. 22. The religion department should be able to move into offices Oct. 1.

The \$5 million building development was initiated to help eliminate overcrowding in the dorms, said John Wuertz, director of the Wartburg physical plant. Lohe Hall will house 168 students.

The new facility features improved lighting in bedrooms, an exercise room equipped with four cardiovascular machines and a recreation room. A special feature, Wuertz said, is the Cardinal Commons, located between Grossmann and Lohe, complete with a skylight.

Some residents are disappointed with the incomplete state of the building, however.

"We could use towel racks and soap dispensers, and the study lounge could use some more light," said sophomore Alberto Lazo-Hulme.

His roommate, sophomore Ryan Eklund, dislikes the air ducts but said, "the air condi-

tioning is very much appreciated."

Sophomore Brooke Nielsen wishes rooms in Lohe had mirrors like those in Grossmann.

"It took awhile to get the cable," sophomore Katie Smith said, "but we got it the first day of classes."

Despite minor inconveniences, many residents are enjoying Lohe's uncommon features.

Commenting on the exercise "cardio" room, Smith said, "I've been there two times and I want to go more. It's better than the PEC because that's only open at certain times of the day."

"We have people coming from other residence halls to use our cardio room," Lazo-Hulme said.

Eklund said he likes "the idea of having a kitchen with a stove," while Smith said she appreciates the 'newness' of the dorms.

"All the furniture's new and everything is clean," Smith said.

Students wishing to live in Lohe hall must apply with a service project and be accepted, much like other residence halls on campus. There have



Erin Manson/TRUMPET

LOUNGING AROUND—Students spend time in the Cardinal Commons, located between Grossmann and Lohe Hall.

been some problems with construction, such as the late arrival of the doors in August, but with construction coming to a close, Lohe Hall may soon

be, as Eklund said, "the best place to live on campus."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

SHOT CLINIC OFFERED

The health and wellness center along with the Visiting Nurses Association will offer a second shot clinic Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Saemann Student Center. The Meningitis and Hepatitis A and B series are available.

If interested in receiving the meningitis vaccine, it is required to stop by the health and wellness center before Tuesday to sign-up and prepay the \$90 fee by cash or check.

The Hepatitis A shot is \$60. The Hepatitis B shot prices are the following: 18 years or younger, \$8 or donation; 19 years, \$25; 20 years or older, \$50. The Hepatitis B series is required for all students on campus. Students who have not completed this series are required to attend the shot clinic unless previous arrangements have been made with the health and wellness center.

TUTOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

The Waterloo Optimist Club sponsors an after-school tutoring program for first through fifth graders each Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Walter Cunningham School, 1224 Mobile Street, Waterloo. If interested in tutoring, contact Readell Brown at 233-8218.

DISC GOLF SIGN-UP

If interested in participating in the disc golf tournament on Outfly, contact Bryan McCarty at Bryan.McCarty@wartburg.edu with your name and contact number to receive more details.

OUTFLY NOTIFICATION

Students living off campus who would like to receive a phone call early Outfly morning should give their phone number to the residential life office in the Student Center.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA OPEN HOUSE

The University of Iowa will host a Graduate College Open House Thursday, Oct. 7, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to network and learn more about the broad array of academic and creative research programs at the University of Iowa.

Bugle debuts on Wartburg campus

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

The Bugle debuted its first issue on campus Tuesday.

While the format resembles the Wartburg Trumpet, its satirical content includes fictional campus-related stories in a style related to The Onion, a popular online humor publication.

Satirical stories target campus issues that can be difficult points for members of the campus community to make and discuss, said Colin Buzza, one of two Bugle editors-in-chief.

"It's something to get people thinking and start a dialogue on certain issues ...

besides making a few people laugh along the way," Buzza said. "If it does it for even a handful of people then, for me, it's done what I want it to do."

For example, the front-page story with the headline "Athletics Come First" cites Wartburg's "new" plan to put athletic programs before academics.

"This is not knocking on the athletic program, but it makes people think about where we put our effort and where we put our emphasis," Buzza said. "I just want people to talk about it, not saying one thing or another ... to hear people's views on campus."

With 1,000 copies distributed, Buzza said the paper has generated a positive

response so far.

Buzza and editor-in-chief Damen Heitmann started planning during the summer to make their idea for a satirical paper into reality.

"The guys I lived with (as a sophomore) read The Onion," Buzza said. "We'd always talked about it (The Bugle), and last year we thought it'd be something fun to do. It's relaxing to do it—an escape from everything else."

The Bugle is non-profit and will be published on an as-needed basis. Contributions to fund printing costs can be sent in campus mail to Box 525.

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Professor's wife dies

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

Virginia "Ginny" Alexander, 64, died Saturday at Prospect Park Living Center in Estes Park, Colo., following complications of a stroke.

The wife of Dr. Ron Alexander, professor of philosophy and religion, she is known among many members of the Wartburg community. Ginny and Ron Alexander were spending time at their family cabin in Colorado at the time of the stroke Aug. 25.

Since Sept. 6, their son Joel has been sending faculty and staff frequent condition updates via e-mail. Ginny Alexander suffered from a hemorrhage in the fossa area of the cerebellum. A large blood clot was removed, but she remained in a coma until she died.

Joel Alexander also established a Web site at www2.caring-bridge.org/co/ginny/ for friends and family to visit and post notes or memories for others to read.



Virginia Alexander

Dr. Fred Waldstein, professor of political science, remembers Virginia Alexander as "a very energetic woman who always brought a lot of vitality ..."

"She was an important member of the Wartburg family and a strong right arm to everything Ron stood for and did," Waldstein said. "Her family came first, and she was incredibly supportive. She was always supportive of her friends and colleagues as well."

"She touched in a positive way those she worked with, so her vitality and energy will live on in those whose lives she touched," Waldstein added.

Ginny Alexander retired two years ago from working with special needs children in the Waterloo school system. She is a University of Northern Iowa graduate with a masters degree in education.

Services are pending at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly.

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2004 Housing By the Numbers

Capacity	1,435
Occupancy	1,415
Occupancy rate	98%
New Students	519
Returning Students	896
Off-campus releases	211

2003 Capacity	1,354
2003 Occupancy	1,319
2003 Occupancy rate	97%

Off-campus releases may tighten due to budget concerns

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In the past Wartburg has operated at an occupancy rate closer to 100 percent. The rate was 101 percent in 2001, 102 percent in 2000 and 99 percent in 1999. The highest occupancy rate in recent years was 104 percent in 1996.

"We have added beds to our capacity over the years, sometimes in the form of new buildings ... and sometimes in an arbitrary way, like putting people in lounges," Armstrong said.

This year 211 students were released to live off campus, but in order to meet its occupancy goal in the future, a need to tighten up the number of students released to live off campus is a possibility.

Armstrong said "financial implications" exist to operating below 100 percent occupancy. He noted Wartburg has its everyday bills, and with more students to help pay day-to-day expenses, it's easier to meet obligations and still have extra funds available.

"When you're at 98 percent, you still have to pay the light, heat and mortgage," Armstrong said, "but it may mean at the expense of some of the accessories."

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BORN TO BE WILD—The Wartburg dance team dances to "Born To Be Wild" Kastle Kapers Thursday.



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Homecoming 2004



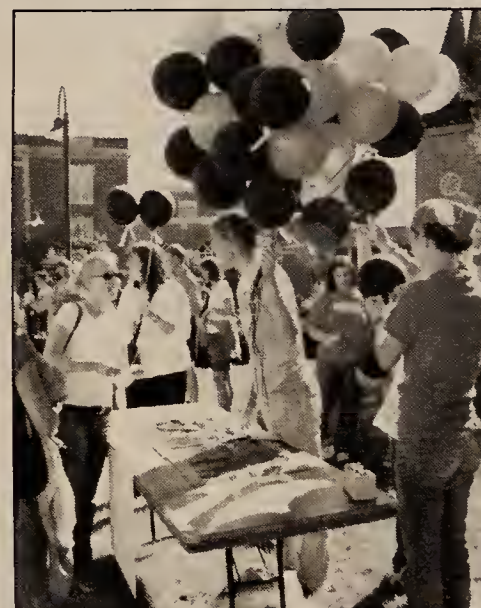
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CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES—Homecoming queen senior Tammy Joe Anderson and Homecoming king senior Brandon Newton lead the crowd in "doing the wave" at the pep rally Thursday. The two were crowned after earlier that night.



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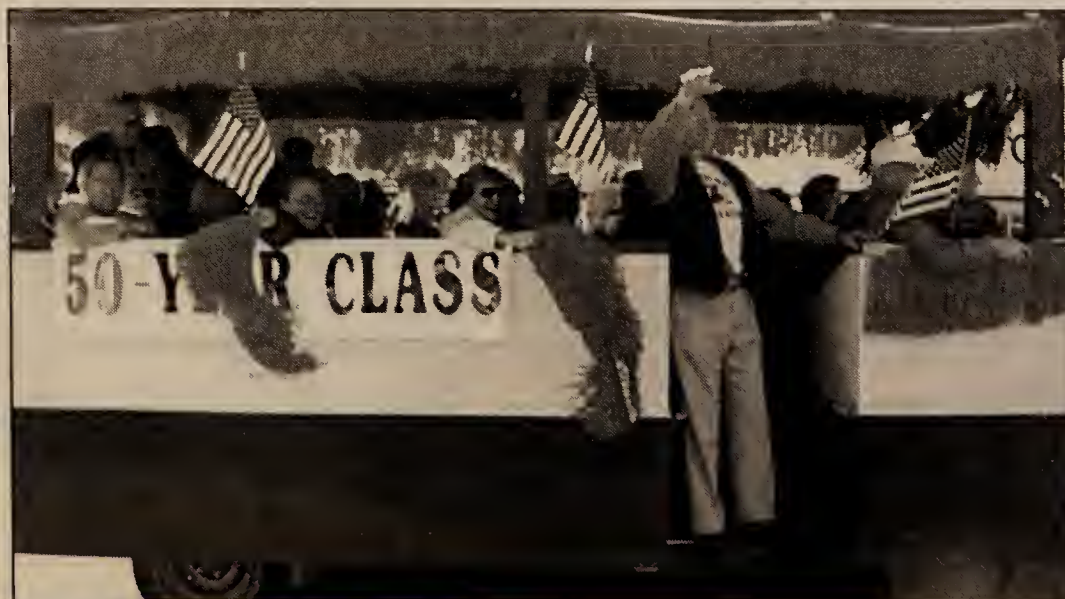
GIDDY UP, KNIGHTS—Melisa Lubben '95 dons the official Knight gear for her ride down Bremer Avenue at the parade Saturday.



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BALLOONS ANYONE?—Seniors Kristin Nelson and Leslee Hilleman sell balloons for the Alpha Chi honor society at the Renaissance Faire Saturday.

GRILLING FOR A CAUSE—Senior Sara Anderson brushes sauce on grilled pork ribs at Saturday's Renaissance Faire for the Phi Beta Lambda food booth.



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A REUNION TO REMEMBER—The class of '54 is all smiles as they ride in the parade Saturday.



Wartburg students use poker for entertainment

Sports Analysis by SEAN KANE
Sports Writer

Whoever thought that an out-of-shape, overweight copyright attorney could star on one of the most popular sports televised on ESPN? No, I am not talking about competitive cheerleading or synchronized swimming because those aren't really sports; I am talking about the World Series of Poker Main Event. Greg Raymer recently won \$5 million by playing No Limit Texas Hold'em in Las Vegas at Binion's Horseshoe Casino against close to 2,000 other players. He survived seven days of competition, continuing to show all



Graphics by Kelsey Harrison. Photos by Nick Petaros

of poker's viewers that anyone can be successful in this sport.

Poker has recently been the cat's meow among college students at Wartburg and around the country. In the past two years, more people have begun to play, and it seems that poker is still growing in popularity. For those who watch poker on TV, Texas Hold 'em seems to be the poker game of choice. However, games like Omaha, five-card draw and seven-card stud are also gaining popularity. Some college students, including students at Wartburg, play these games almost on a nightly basis and have no qualms about spending Mom and Dad's money in doing so.

"I have won as much as \$300 in one night and lost close to \$100 in another," junior Kirk Artist said.

"We love to play," junior Scott Hill said. "We started playing freshman year and now we have weekly games."

The truth is that everyone and their mom is playing poker. Networks such as ESPN, the Travel Channel and Bravo can be attributed to the game's surge in popularity by broadcasting weekly episodes of professionals playing the viewers' favorite games.

Another reason for poker's burst in popularity is that players don't need to be able to run a 4.4 40-yard dash or have a 40-inch vertical—anyone can play no matter, age, gender, or physical stature. Men and women like ESPN poker celebrities Chris Moneymaker and Annie Duke show Americans that anyone can be successful in this sport and give everyone a shimmering hope that they can be the next world champions.

The latest concern is that poker is hav-

Top Hands:

Straight flush: five cards in sequence, all the same suit

Royal flush: highest possible straight flush - Ace, King, Queen, Jack, and Ten of one suit

Four of a kind: four cards of the same rank

Full house: three cards of one rank, plus a pair of another rank

Flush: five cards of the same suit

Straight: five cards in sequence

Three of a kind: three cards of the same rank

Two pair: two cards of the same rank, plus two other cards of a different rank

Pair: two cards of the same rank, plus three other unmatched cards

Nothing: any hand not meeting the requirements of a pair or higher hand

ing a negative effect on America's youth. The truth is that poker is just like a drug and any player can get addicted. Poker is also causing many people under the legal gambling age to play Texas Hold 'Em for large amounts of money.

The main question with poker is if this speeding ship will keep up in popularity and not fade away like Pogs and Zubas, which I still own a pair of. Hopefully, poker, and Hold 'em in particular, will continue to be broadcast on television and maybe even move into mainstream channels like NBC.

But for now, college students will continue to enjoy watching the pros duke it out on cable. I have my ante ready, so all of the poker players out there: shuffle up and deal.

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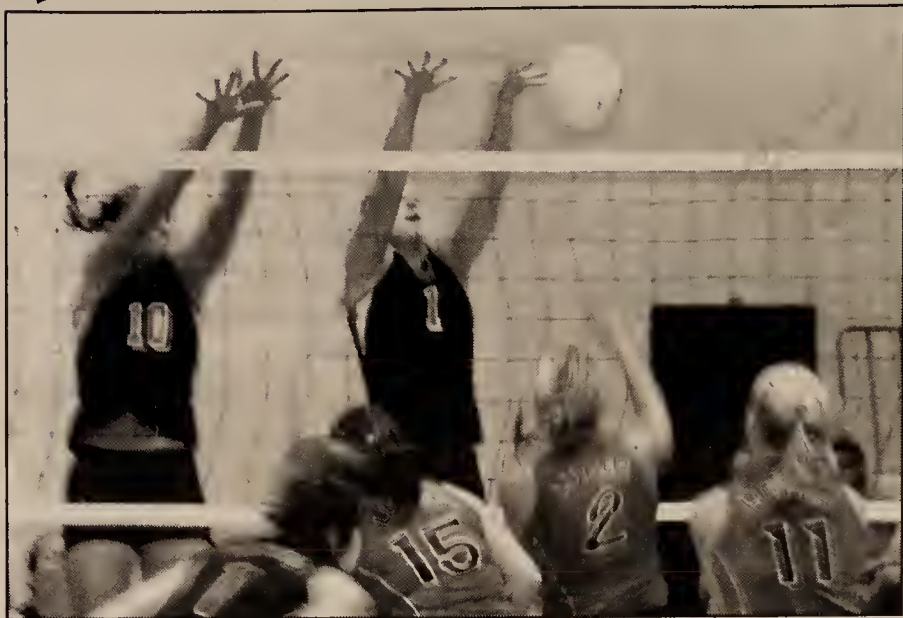
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REJECTED—Senior Ranae Grafft and junior Shelby Schneider go up for the block against Luther Tuesday. The sweep of Luther improved Wartburg's record to 8-7.

Mountain victory

By SEAN KANE
Sports Writer

After a pair of wins in Chicago last week, the Wartburg men's soccer team was back on the road Friday and Saturday with its final non-conference games taking place in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Knights cut through the thin air going 1-0-1 on the weekend with a 3-2 win over Chapman University, Calif., and a 0-0 tie against Colorado College.

Against Chapman Saturday, Wartburg forwards senior Verne Houston and junior Scott Hill tallied goals in the 69th and 76th minutes in the come-from-behind victory. On Friday the Knights were out-shot by Colorado College 27-16. Senior goal-keeper Colin Lane made six saves to help the Knights salvage a scoreless double overtime tie.

In women's soccer, Wartburg ran into its toughest test this season when NAIA juggernaut Graceland came to

Waverly Tuesday for a non-conference game. The Knights headed into the game undefeated with an 8-0 record, their best start in program history.

The win streak was snapped as Graceland defeated the Knights 2-0. Graceland led Wartburg in every statistical category, out-shooting the Knights 18-3. Kristin Beck led the team with two shots, but Wartburg's season scoring leaders Jess Iserman and Tiffany Treanor were shut down by Graceland's defense. Mary Achelpohl kept the Knights in the game by making 15 saves in her hardest test of the season. Kelly Saam came in with 15 minutes left in the game and recorded one save.

Wartburg will start conference play this Saturday when they travel to Storm Lake to face off with the Buena Vista Beavers.

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Rival defeated

By AARON HAGEN
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The Wartburg volleyball team dismissed Luther in a short, three-game match in Waverly Tuesday night. The Knights, who remained undefeated at home, overpowered the Norse to move their record to above .500 overall and 2-1 in the Iowa Conference.

The first game went to the Knights by a score of 30-23. Game two saw Luther put up their toughest battle of the night when they tied the score late in the game. But Coach Walker's Wartburg squad was determined to sweep and won 30-27. Wartburg won the third and final game of the night easily, 30-16.

"We set a goal to win in three and to take it right away. Game three was how

we wanted to play the whole match. We relaxed and allowed ourselves to play," Coach Walker said.

"I think we played really well. Any win is huge, especially at home and against Luther. We have a tough match coming up Tuesday, and we have to work hard in practice and be ready," sophomore Sheena Treanor said.

Treanor led the way for the Knights with 13 kills. Freshman Ashley Rogers had 11 kills on the night, while senior Ranae Grafft had eight kills in the win. Senior Sarah Olsen had 42 sets to lead the way.

Wartburg travels to Buena Vista Tuesday in an Iowa Conference match. They travel to Indianola to play in the Simpson Tournament this weekend.

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FAMOUS FACES—Eight former student-athletes and a former coach made up the Class of 2004 that was inducted into the Wartburg Athletic Hall of Fame Saturday. Honorees were (from left): Kathy (Roberts) Franken, Cheryl (Pueggel) Whitehurst, Jeanie Canfield, accepting on behalf of her husband, the late Dr. Don Canfield, Dave Platte, Mark Merritt, Brad Ott, Tom Hogan, Jeff Glaw and Steve Deike.

Golf swings second place finish

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor In Chief

The Wartburg women's golf team shot a 336 to finish second among the field of eight teams at Saturday's Kohawk Fall Invitational at Ellis Park Golf Course in Cedar Rapids.

The Knights were just five strokes behind Simpson College, who won the invitational with a 331. Buena Vista University came in third place with a 340, followed by Central College with a 345

and Coe College with a 352.

The Knights were led by sophomore Andrea Schiltz who carded an 81 and tied for second place individually overall. The winner of the tournament was Jenni Juergens of Central who shot an 80.

For the Knights, junior Erin Dohlman and freshman Brooke Davis finished with 73's, both tying for sixth place individually. Sophomore Megan Cress rounded out the team-scoring for the Knights with an 89, while juniors Lindsey Huinker and

Ami Franzen finished with a 91 and 92, respectively.

"I think the tournament went alright, considering no one knew the course that well," Davis said. "For the most part I think everyone was disappointed in how they played, but at the same time I think they learned a lot about the course, and I think it's going to help us out when we play there in two weeks for conference."

"We're going to need to keep playing strong going into conference," Dohlman

said. "I guess we just need to finish strong; the last four holes of the tournament Saturday were what kept us from winning it."

The Knight's next meet is the first round of the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament on Friday and Saturday in Cedar Falls. The second round of the tournament will be played Oct. 8 and 9 at Ellis Park.

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Win escapes tennis

By CONOR SIMCOX
Sports Writer

The Women's Tennis team suffered another close loss, this time to the Simpson Storm. Coach Jim Willis and his Knights fell 6-3 in match play and dropped to 3-3 overall and 2-3 in the conference. Obtaining a win in the match was senior No. 1 singles player Sarah Kammerer, 6-0, 6-1. Sophomore stand-out Jodie Pearson also picked up a win at the No. 3 singles spot 6-1, 7-6. Kammerer and Pearson also teamed up in doubles play to notch an impressive 8-3 victory.

"Sarah and I have been working really well together, and she has been playing great. My playing has definitely improved since the start of the season, but I don't think I have reached my peak yet," Pearson said. "I plan to continue improving and hopeful-

ly be able to play my best at conference."

Coach Willis is staying positive about the season, despite the close losses.

"A loss like this should help us tremendously as long as we put in the work and allow ourselves to learn. If we just pat ourselves on the back for being 'close', then we will continue to come out on the short end of these matches," Willis said. "The whole season is about preparing for the conference tournament and having our best showing there."

The Knights play Coe and Loras this week, two teams that are in the hunt to qualify for the conference team tournament.

"I think that we have the ability to break into a top spot in the IIAC; we just need to concentrate on always playing at the top of our game and going out there with confidence," Pearson said.

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BREAKING THROUGH—Sophomore running back Dan Hammes breaks the Norse defense en route to Wartburg's lone touchdown.

Lucky 13: Homecoming win over Luther extends streak in IIAC rivalry

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Sports Writer

On Saturday the Wartburg football team rebounded from last week's loss with a 16-7 Homecoming win over archrival Luther. The game marked Wartburg's 13 consecutive win over the Norse. The Knight defense held the Norse to 209 total yards of offense.

"We're just trying to win any way we can," head coach Rick Willis said. "One day it's the defense, and the next week it might be the offense."

The Knights got out to a fast start, going 64 yards on five plays, capped by sophomore Dan Hammes' 54-yard scamper on the game's opening possession. The game became a defensive struggle, with the next six drives ending in punts, before the Knight defense forced a fumble. The turnover led to senior Jordan Maus' 27-yard field goal, giving the Knights a 10-0 halftime advantage.

Luther opened the second half returning the kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown, the first of many big plays on special teams, giving the

Norse new life and making it a 10-7 game.

Following the score, Wartburg's defense would not allow Luther any more room to breathe. After an interception by the Norse, senior Jake Burns picked off the Luther quarterback, returning it to the Luther 14-yard line and setting up Maus for a 29-yard field goal.

The Norse appeared to get back in the game late in the third quarter, blocking a 44-yard field goal attempt by Maus. Luther drove down to the Wartburg 11-yard line before being stuffed on a fourth-and-one play, ending its best chance to score.

The Wartburg defense set the offense up for a score, this time following junior Alex Pollock's interception. The Knights failed to convert as Maus had a 33-yard field goal attempt blocked. Luther followed with a drive to the Wartburg 43-yard line, but senior Chris Robertson forced a fumble that senior Brian McIntire recovered.

The Knight offense took advantage this time, seal-

ing the game when Jordan Maus made a 35-yard field goal, his third of the game, with under two minutes to play.

Wartburg snuffed any Luther comeback when McIntire picked off the Norse quarterback on the next drive.

"A guy makes a mistake here and a mistake there, but our special teams controlled the field position," Willis said. "And we did make three

field goals."

The Knight offense, which was held under 300 yards for the second consecutive week, was led by Hammes, who rushed 17 times for 113 yards. Defensively, Pollock led the way with eight tackles, a forced fumble and an interception.

The Knights (3-1, 1-1) head to Indianola next week to play Simpson at 1 p.m.

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HOMECOMING REUNION—Wartburg defenders Chris Robertson, Kyle Costigan and Nick Weber close in on the loose ball. Weber recovered the fumble.

Runners battle top competition

By ANDREW DRYSDALE
Sports Writer

Senior Josh Moen claimed his second title in as many races on Saturday at the Roy Griak Invitational at the University of Minnesota. Moen ran a 24:45, out-distancing Luke Baltrusch of Augustana by almost 40 seconds and leading the Knights to a fourth place finish in the Division II and Division III race.

Junior Keith Solverson was Wartburg's number two with a 26:17, finishing 24th. Sophomores Kevin Balster and Patrick Johnson crossed the line in 45th and 47th, respectively, with times of

26:51 and 26:52, while rounding out the top five for the Knights was sophomore Daniel Corken in 27:02. The University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse won the race with 87 points. The Knights scored 179 points, placing them just behind South Dakota State with 173 and Minnesota State-Mankato with 139 points.

The women, led by senior Missy Buttry, finished 25th, just behind Ohio State, in the Division I race with 646 points. Wartburg beat California, North Dakota State, Wisconsin-Milwaukee and South Dakota State. Buttry finished second behind Providence standout Kim Smith of New Zealand in 20:33. The

Knight's second runner, sophomore Jill Wagaman, crossed the finish line in 23:31, good for 124th place. Freshman BrieAnn Reedy and junior Jill Robertson finished in 24:19 and 24:20 placing 171st and 173rd. The last scorer for Wartburg was freshman Julie Ridenour, five seconds behind Robertson in 24:25 and 176th overall.

The Knights get next weekend off and return to competition Oct. 9, when they host the Dan Huston Invitational at the Waverly Golf Course.

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Rich Rites

**Call me crazy:
a win's a win**

I had an epiphany this weekend, Wartburgians. I was sitting in my room, grumpy from watching not just the Cubs losing, but Iowa getting squashed and Wartburg beating Luther by only nine points. That's when it hit me: I'm crazy.

Yeah, I know, I should have realized I was crazy a long time ago when I became a Cubs fan, but that's not the point of this column. I realized I was crazy when I thought about my third reason for being grumpy. We won by only nine points. But who, I thought, in their right mind is angry because his or her team won.

Richard Podhajsky
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So I then changed my mind and decided that I'm not really crazy but simply spoiled. Over my two plus years here at Wartburg, the Knights only close games have been against teams that (a) make it to the postseason or (b) get knocked out of the postseason only because they lost to Wartburg.

So this recent rash of close games has sent my whole Wartburg football world into a frenzy. Being on the football beat has made this worse, I think, because I have to look at all the stats and realize if a game is or is not as close as the score would indicate.

Think about this stat for a little bit: until the Linfield game last season, the Knights did not have a single opponent come within ten points of them. In 2002, only three out of 12 opponents could get within 10. The year before that, only two. Go ahead, ponder. All right, come back now.

So when three of the first four games this year have been decided by less than 10 points, it really sends a shock to my system. I'm used to blowouts. I like being able to sit back in the fourth quarter, open a beverage of choice and not have to worry if Wartburg is going to win. I like my blowouts, dang it!

Of course, this is where I realize I'm crazy, er, spoiled. Over the past 23 years only four teams have had any piece of the Iowa Conference title (which is another good stat to ponder on). Wartburg has been a part of six of those. So when I complain about Wartburg winning by too little, I realize there are hundreds if not thousands of people who are ready to punch me in the face.

For example Loras and Cornell have never won an IIAC football title. Then there's the University of Dubuque. The Spartans, after winning the titles from 1978-80 decided to play it fair and give other teams a chance. Since 1980 they have rummaged through the scout teams and Thursday night heroes of area high school football.

But before you all line up, let me say that I am trying to change my rotten ways. I feel for all of you at UD, especially now that Upper Iowa has gone on to bigger and better things in Division II.

So, in order to better relate to fans of teams who enjoy winning by any margin, I've decided to start a spoiled fan recovery program. It's something anyone can try. I've lived with a Mets fan for over a year. I've listened to Cinderella for an hour straight every day. I've watched Cubs' games with the hope they could win.

Just forgive me if I have relapses to my old ways during the wrestling season, when I may have to re-enlist in the program because, like I said, I'm crazy.

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